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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 596
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. James Dallas
"Jimmy" Floyd of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, it was with tremendous sadness and a deep sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mr. Jimmy Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, a Lebanon native, Jimmy Floyd graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy, where he was manager of many of the school's athletic teams, prior to attending Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, he had recently become the president and principal executive officer of Floyd and Baxter Amusement Company, whose motto "we manufacture fun" is evident in the family-owned outdoor entertainment company started by his grandfather, the late Dallas Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was active in numerous local civic projects and contributed significantly to many charities and community causes; the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center at Cumberland University, where Jimmy served with acumen as a member of the Board of Trust, and a generous donation of land for the expansion of the city park system in Lebanon are two of the many gifts donated by him and his family over the years; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Floyd and his family also made contributions to Friendship Christian School and for more than 25 years has sponsored fundraising events to benefit the Lebanon High School All Sports Booster Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd served on several boards and held key leadership positions in many professional organizations associated with the outdoor amusement and entertainment industry, a profession in which he was widely respected and admired for his singular talents; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Lebanon for many years; and

WHEREAS, his generosity, devotion and loyalty to his many friends was far reaching; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Jimmy Floyd leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Janet; and was the proud parent of three children, Jeremy, Jason and Jennifer; he is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Floyd, a grandmother, Mrs. Dallas Floyd; aunts and uncles, Bobby and Sue Wynne and Billy and Jane Baxter; and cousins, Danny (Linda) Wynne, and Mike (Colleen) Wynne; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Jimmy Floyd, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the Lebanon community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Floyd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.